

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office action dated March 22, 2005, has been received and carefully reviewed.

As a result of the Office action, claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b, e) as being anticipated by Greier. This reference has been carefully reviewed but is not believed to show or suggest Applicant's invention as now claimed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is therefore respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

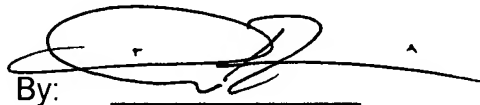
In order to better distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art, claim 1 has been amended to first, define "at least one pair of first and second inner electrodes each having a first end and an opposing second end", second, to define "a first outer electrode and a second outer electrode, electrically connected to said first inner electrode first end and said second inner electrode first end, respectively;" and third, to define "wherein said first inner electrode and said second inner electrode are dimensioned and configured on a same plane wherein said opposing second end of said first inner electrode and said opposing second end of said second inner electrode are in a non-facing relation to one another and are laterally displaced from one another." No new matter has been added, and support for this amendment and the added (underlined) limitation are found, for example, the specification and Figs. 1-4. Clearly, Greier does not show or teach this configuration of the inner electrodes. As best seen in the cross-sectional views illustrated in Figs. 9-12 of that reference, the free end of the inner electrodes that

are not attached to the terminals are in a "facing" relationship and configuration relative to one another. Therefore, it is believed that claim 1 is now patentably distinguishable over the prior art.

Claims 2-8 are dependent from claim 1 and are therefore allowable for the reasons provided in connection with claim 1.

Each issue raised in the Office action dated March 22, has been addressed and it is believed that claims 1-8 are in condition for allowance. Wherefore, reconsideration and allowance of these claims is earnestly solicited. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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